



## **Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

*Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet*

### **Folk Art Created by Lonnie and Twyla Money at Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

**Release Date**

**Sept. 25, 2012**

**Contact: Gwen Heffner**

**Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea**

**859-985-5448**

**[gwen.heffner@ky.gov](mailto:gwen.heffner@ky.gov)** **[debby.giannini@ky.gov](mailto:debby.giannini@ky.gov)**

**BEREA, Ky.** – On Saturday, Oct. 6, folk artists Lonnie and Twyla Money, of East Bernstad, will demonstrate how they create their whimsical and colorful folk art sculptures, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea.

Brought up on the Laurel-Jackson county line in hilly farm lands, Lonnie is descended from Jacob Money, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Swiss immigrant who had been a wood carver in Switzerland. Twyla Darty, whose family has been farming in Kentucky for generations, grew up a mile from the house and farm where she and Lonnie now raise beef cattle and hay. Other than a ball-topped cane he made as a child for his grandfather, and other carvings created for his own amusement, Lonnie Money at first didn't take carving seriously. He remarks that he, "always thought of artists as someone else."

In the early 1980's Lonnie began to carve small animals and letter openers as piece work for the Berea College crafts program, and met art dealer Larry Hackley, who encouraged him to create his own pieces and his own designs. In the late 1980's, Money began to devise his own patterns, and his wife, Twyla, took over most of the painting.

In 1999, the Moneys moved their studio to a new, larger location, which allows them to create larger pieces and incorporate gourds into their work. Although neither Lonnie nor Twyla have had any formal art training, they have created a whole menagerie of bright, colorful and whimsical chickens, birds, roosters and farm animals, which can be regularly found at the Kentucky Artisan Center.

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is located at 200 Artisan Way, just off Interstate 75 at Berea exit 77. The center's exhibits, shopping and travel information areas are open daily, year-round, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the cafe is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The center currently features works by more than 650 artisans from more than 100 counties across the Commonwealth. A special exhibit, "The Threads that Bind: Textile Works by Kentucky Artisans," will be on display through Feb. 23, 2013. For more information about the center's programming, call 859-985-5448 or visit the center's website [www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov](http://www.kentuckyartisancenter.ky.gov)

The Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea is an agency in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.



**Photos, Left to Right:** Lonnie Money shapes a rooster from a twig with a draw knife on a shaving horse; a chunky variation on 'Twig Roosters' by Lonnie and Twyla Money; Twyla Money paints and finishes colorful 'Twig Roosters' at the Kentucky Artisan Center at Berea

Join the  
celebration! **AMERICAN  
CRAFT**  
**WEEK** **OCTOBER 5-14**

Glorious  
American  
Craft